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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

* 31 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have approved the standing order of the Shoranur Tile Works that married women are not entitled to get employment in it;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that on 1st September 1955, the management dismissed three women workers on the ground that they are married women; and

(*c*) the basis on which the Government have approved this standing order?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*c*) The draft standing orders sent by the management of Shoranur Tile Works were certified by the Commissioner of Labour as they were in conformity with the provisions of the Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.

(*b*) A report has been called for from the Labour Officer, Kozhikode, and it is awaited.

* 32 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation on behalf of the workers of Virudhunagar Textile Mills, Soolakarai, Ramanathapuram district, to the effect that the mill has been locked out from 18th September 1955 without due notice; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken by the Government on the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Conciliation proceedings were held by the Labour Officer, Tirunelveli. The demands are under the consideration of the Government.

Malabar Timber Producers' Association

* 33 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received a memorandum recently from the Malabar Timber Producers' Association, Kozhikode, suggesting ways and means to promote the timber industry of Malabar and to the redressal of their grievances; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?